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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 39, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMBÈDE PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLAKEY, San Francisco. SINGAPORE, SRAITHS, &c.:—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. O. HEINZEN & CO., Manila. CHINA.—MIGOS, F. A. de CRUZ, Susto, Quilon & Co., Amoy, Wilson, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow, HEDGES & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. THEODOR VON DER HEYDE, of Hamburg, and Mr. GOTTFRIED BRUNO ROBERT BECKER, of Hongkong, have this Day been Admitted PARTNERS in our Firm in HAMBURG and HONGKONG.

SANDER & CO.

Dated 2nd February, 1886. 230

### NOTICE.

THE INTERESTS and RESPONSIBILITY of MR. FRANCISCO MAMÉDE GONÇALVES in the Firm of MEERS, ROZARIO & CO., ceased on the 31st December last. The BUSINESS will in future be carried on by the Undersigned alone, under the SAME Style as heretofore.

AUGUSTO JOSE de ROZARIO, Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 14

## Intimations.



### JURY LIST—1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 4 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1882, I have This Day caused to be Posted in the COURTHOUSE, a List or ALL MEN ascertained by me to be liable to serve as JURORS.

The said List will remain so posted for the term of one fortnight, in order that any Person may, as the case shall be, apply by Notice in writing to me requiring that his Name, or the Name of some other Person or Persons may be respectively either added to, or struck off the said List, upon cause duly assigned in such Notices.

Registry, Supreme Court, This 1st day of February, 1886.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,

220 Registrar.

### TESTIMONIAL

TO OFFICERS AND CREWS OF S.S. CITY OF SYDNEY.

WE, the Undersigned Passengers by S.S. CITY OF SYDNEY from Honoloulo to Hongkong, wish to express our most hearty thanks to

DANIEL E. FRIELE, Captain.

J. T. SMITH, Chief Officer.

S. W. ONI, Second Officer.

J. V. O. COURIER, Purser.

J. N. HENDERSON, Surgeon.

F. WARD, Chief Steward.

H. WILSON, Steerage Steward.

For their kindness and attention to our comfort during the entire voyage.

(Signed): CHUN HOK CHOW,

LEE PAT.

LOO TUCK HEM.

Hongkong, January 30, 1886. 207

NO NOTICE.

## RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, of their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received, No depositor may deposit more than \$2,000 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be deducted on their fully balanced account.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 764

## HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,500,000  
Reserve Fund.....\$4,500,000  
Reserve for Equalization.....\$500,000  
of Dividends.....\$500,000  
Reserve Liability of PSC.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASOON.  
Deputy Chairman—A. MOYER, Esq.  
O. D. BOTTOMLEY, H. HOPFUS, Esq.  
E. H. M. HUNTINGTON,  
H. L. DALBYTHYME, TON, Esq.  
H. W. KESWICK,  
M. GROTE, Esq.  
A. P. MC-EWEN, Esq.

Chief Manager—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Manager—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
London Banker—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
6 4 per cent.  
12 5 per cent.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2120

## NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 14

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE A FULL STOCK OF

### New Saddlery and Saddlers' Goods,

Comprising—

JOCKEY WHIPS.  
DRIVING WHIPS.  
DOG WHIPS.  
SINGL SNaffle BRIDLES.  
DOUBBLE SNaffle BRIDLES.  
WEYOUTH BRIDLES, BITS and  
BRADONS.  
MARTINGALES.  
SURCINGLES.  
BODY ROLLERS.  
HORSE CLOTHING.  
WOOLLEN GIRTHS.  
CURRY COMBS.  
MANE COMBS.  
DRIVING GLOVES.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 21, 1886. 145

### NOW READY.—PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.

### THE HONGKONG ALMANACK FOR 1886,

COMPILED BY

BRUCE SHEPHERD.

Consisting of 160 closely-printed Royal 8vo pages of Useful Information relating to the Colony, not otherwise accessible in any collected form.

### KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

PUBLISHERS, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 156

### GREAT CLEARANCE-SALE (FOR CASH).

W. POWELL & CO.

WILL OFFER ON AND AFTER

MONDAY NEXT, 1st February, 1886,  
WITH a View to make Room for NEW SPRING GOODS, a large portion of their STOCK at greatly reduced prices.

Also,  
THE SEASON'S ACCUMULATION OF REMNANTS,  
comprising:  
REMNANT OF SILKS, DRESS GOODS, PRINTS, CALICOES, LININGS, CLOTHES, FLANNELS, CERIMONIES, RIBBONS, LACES, NEEDLEWORK, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 30, 1886. 203

GRIFFITH'S  
NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG  
NOW READY,  
1. DUDDELL STREET.

2. GRIFFITH & CO.,  
MANUFACTURERS  
OF THE

London Aerated Waters,  
1. DUDDELL STREET,  
Continue to Supply:

Soda Water, Lemonade,  
Tonic, " Gingernade,  
Seltzer, " Raspberryade,  
Sarsaparilla, " &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 957

### NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are

respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in the Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found

necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 26th February, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th to 20th February, inclusive.

RUSSELL & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 30, 1886. 211

### DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

Moderate Fees.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon-Dentist.

(Formerly Attached to Dr. ROBINSON.)

At the request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THIS OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. HOCHU, No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address:

2. DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Piers and Godowns,

West Point.

THESE are now in Working Order,—

STEAMERS are ready to load at the Wharf, and CARGO RECEIVED and STORED at Cheung Po.

THE PRODUCTION of the CHINA STEAM REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED, can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, FRED STAKER, at the same prices as at the RETAILERY, or RETAILERS.

The GODOWNS are two storied, dry, airy, and well suited for the storage of SILK, COTTON and WOOLEN PIECE GOODS, as well as GENERAL MERCHANTANDISE.

Advanced made on CARGO stored.

For RETAIL and further PARTICULARS, apply to the MANAGER, or to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Agents.

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the

STEAMERS will be at once loaded and stored at Cheung Po.

Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional CARGO will be forwarded on to SHANGHAI, unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON To-DAY, the 1st Instant.

All CLAIMS against the STEAMERS must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1886. 212

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST LANDED.  
THE FOLLOWING

## STORES.

York HAMS.

Stilton CHEESE.

Pudding RAISINS (Valencian).

CURRANTS (Patras).

MINCEMEAT.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.

FIGS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Brazil NUTS.

Soft-Shell ALMONDS.

Metz FRUITS.

Crystallized FRUITS.

FRUITS in Syrups.

Imperial PLUMS.

Plum PUDDINGS.

COSAQUES.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.  
CONDENSED MILK.

KEROSINE LAMPS.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

COOKING STOVES.

PARLOUR STOVES.

—O—

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT.

OF

OILMAN'S STORES,  
AND  
WINES,

at the

Lowest Possible Prices

FOR CASH.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s  
J. CHAMPAGNE & CO.  
Quarts..... \$20 per Case of 1 doz.  
Pints..... \$21 " " 2 "  
Dobos Frères & de Geron & Co.'s  
BORDEAUX CHÂTEAUX AND  
WHITE WINES.  
Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bee'  
WHISKY, \$7 per Case of 1 doz.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

## To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHFOO, NEW-  
CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW  
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Tremendous*,  
Captain JONES, will be  
despatched as above on  
MONDAY, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 241

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Emeralda*,  
Capt. G. TAYLER, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on MONDAY, the 8th Instant, at  
5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 245

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Ozis*,  
Commandant LEQUEILLE,  
will be despatched for  
SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from  
Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 242

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Taras*,  
Commandant PAUL,  
will be despatched for  
KOBE and YOKOHAMA shortly after the  
arrival of the Mail Steamer from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 243

## To-day's Advertisements.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary Annual General  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in  
the above Company will be held at the  
OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's  
Street, on SATURDAY, the 20th February  
instant, at Half-past Three o'clock p.m.,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the General Agents, together with a State-  
ment of Accounts to the 31st December,  
1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 20th  
instant, inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 240

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEET-  
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
above Company will be held at the  
OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street,  
on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 3  
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Re-  
port of the General Agents, together with  
a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,  
1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 9th  
to the 20th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 249

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
above Company will be held at the  
OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street,  
on TUESDAY, the 23rd February instant,  
at 2.30 p.m., to receive a Statement of  
Accounts to the 31st December, 1885, the  
Report of the General Managers, and to  
elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd  
instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 247

## To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Namoa*,  
Capt. WESTON, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at  
Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LIPRAK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 244

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

GENTLEMEN interested in RIFLE  
SHOOTING, desirous of joining the  
above ASSOCIATION, now in course of formation,  
are requested to send in their Names  
at once to any of the Members of the  
Provisional Committee, as per following List,  
or, to the Hon. Sec.

General GORDON.  
Col. CHATFIELD, R.A.  
Col. FERD., Northamptonshire Regt.  
Lt.-Col. ANDERSON, do.  
Major DEMPSTER, do.  
Captain PORTER, A.D.C.  
Commodore MORANT, R.N.  
The Hon. T. JACKSON.  
E. L. WOODIN, Esq.  
G. E. NORRE, Esq.  
H. J. H. TRIPP, Esq.

Subscription, - 8 per annum.  
Life Member, - 25 in full.

ALF. WOOLLEY,  
Hon. Sec. & Pres.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 251

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
above Company will be held at the  
OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street,  
on TUESDAY, the 23rd February instant,  
at 2.30 p.m., to receive a Statement of  
Accounts to the 31st December, 1885, the  
Report of the Directors for the year  
ending 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd  
instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 248

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessel, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

ANNA W. WESTON, Amer. barque, Capt.  
W. M. DUNCAN-GIBB, Livingston & Co.

CARONEL, American ship, Capt. W.  
F. STOTON, Messageries Maritimes.

CALOZO, American barque, Capt. J.  
D. WYNN, Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

GEORGE, British barque, Capt. William  
GRANT-Captain.

GREAT SURGEON, American barque, Capt.  
O'HANLON, L. Flinn—Order.

HELLA—American ship, Captain E. A.  
Day—Order.

SOUTHERN CHIEF, American ship, Capt.  
J. ROSS—Captain.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

February 4, 1886—

Actie, Danish steamer, 260, Ch. Rev-  
beck, Haiphong January 26, Pakhoi and  
Hoioh Foo, 2, General—ALNHOLD, KAR-  
BERG & Co.

Quarta, German steamer, 793, T. T.  
Kock, Saigon January 30, Paddy and Rice  
—EDN. SCHELHASS & Co.

Tantallon, British steamer, 1,310, S.  
Partrige, Nagasaki January 29, Coal—

Haiphong, British steamer, 1,122, W.  
Bunter, Foochow February 2, and Amoy 3,  
General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

February 5—

Hydra, German barque, 785, Bongo,  
Newcastle December 15, Coal—SPRINSEN  
& Co.

Gulcreston, British steamer, 1,301, Wil-  
tamer, Saigon Jan. 27, Rice—CHIEN-

Perthia, British steamer, 254, J. Staver,  
Hollow Feb. 2, General—GIBB, LIVING-  
STON & Co.

Sumatra, British steamer, 1,406, W. D.  
G. Worcester, R.N.R., Bombay January

## HOURS of CLOSING

## THE FRENCH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing  
Mails, &c., by the French Contract  
Packet.

Day before departure (or Saturday if the  
departure is on Monday)—

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closed.

Post Office closes, except the  
Nuit Lou, which is always  
open out of Office hours.

Day of departure—

7 A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.  
Posting of all printed matter  
and parcels ceases.

11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted  
with Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 A.M.—When the Post Office closes  
entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted  
on board the packet with Late  
Fee of 10 cents until time of  
departure.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

5 P.M.—FEBRUARY 5, 1886.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Paid up. POSITION FOR LAST REPORT Reserve. Balance forward.

BANKS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 50,000 £ 125 3 125 \$4,500,000

INSURANCES. North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. 5,000 £ 200 2 50 ...

Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd. 8,000 £ 25 2 25 £ 30,000

Union Insurance Co., Ltd. 2,000 £ 125 3 125 \$75,000

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. 24,000 £ 83.33 23 23 \$60,000

Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd. 10,000 £ 250 50 50 £ 150,000

Chinese Insurance Co., Limited. 1,500 £ 200 6 200 £ 28,711.50

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 8,000 £ 250 6 200 \$ 932,600.66

Chin Firo Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 £ 100 3 200 \$ 547,500

Steam COMPANIES. HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd. 8,000 £ 100 3 75 3 300,000

Douglas Steamship Co., Limited. 20,000 £ 50 50 50 86,76

This list of the new Liberal Ministry contains more than one surprise. That Lord Rosebery appears as head of the Foreign Office may be a mistake, as that popular politician was mentioned in the preceding telegram as having accepted the Colonial Office. Lord Granville's retreat from the Foreign Secretariat is certainly as remarkable (if true) as his acceptance of the Colonial portfolio. The transposition of Mr. Childers and Sir W. Vernon Harcourt also looks strange; while the selection of Lord Ripon as First Lord of the Admiralty can only be explained on the ground that he had to be provided for somehow. The name of Mr. John Motley is a "nodded" acquisition; but all moderate men must mark the absence more than the list of those given. Lord Hartington, who is a tower of strength, finds no place amongst the peculiar jumble of names; and neither Sir Charles Dilke nor Mr. Chamberlain has been reconciled, in spite of the defection of the moderate members of the late Liberal Cabinet. This new Administration does not look like a long-liver.

This bill introduced recently into the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements to abolish the whipping of females has, after determined and somewhat inexplicable resistance on the part of the united phalanx of the unofficial members, been read a third time and passed. It is suggested that the fact that the bill was introduced on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for the Colonies was the sole cause of the opposition of the unofficial members, and the report of the debates furnished by the Straits papers indicates that the suggestion is only too accurate. Mr. Shielford, whose opinion may be looked upon as the representative one of the opposition, is reported to have said—"He contended that the Bill itself, having had the order of the Secretary of State for its introduction, was a reflection upon the Bench, the Magistrates, and the Justices of the Peace of the Colony. He and those who sat with him at that end of the table objected and objected most strongly to the party, professing intolerance by the Colonial Office with our local administration, concluding by characterising the Bill as a grandly nice piece of legislation." We cannot compliment the unofficial members of the Straits Settlements on their action, which appears to have been prompted more by an unreasoning hatred of everything emanating from Downing Street than by a desire to see the law made just and humane. In saying so, we by no means give up an inch in regard to the wholesome punishment of men who are hardened by crime.

YESTERDAY, Chinese New Year's day, was about the dullest anniversary of the great Chinese holiday which has occurred for many years. This was doubtless owing in a great extent to the weather, but independent of that there was a considerable falling off in the amount of crackers exploded, illumination of stores, and the general festive decorations with which the first day of the year and the eve before it are usually celebrated by the members of the Chinese community. Throughout the 3rd the weather was anything but pleasant, and towards the evening a strong easterly gale set in and a nasty chipping sea was running in the harbour which quickly drove most of the sampans and other small craft to secure places of refuge. By 9 or 10 p.m. the gale had increased and the water was so rough that the launches and cargo boats in the harbour, unless judiciously moored, were in considerable danger, and two or three casualties actually occurred. A small steam launch belonging to the agents of the Shire line of steamers, and worked by the firm of Robert Afuk, founded about ten o'clock in the evening alongside Pottinger Street wharf. The launch, it appears, had been brought alongside the wharf to which it was attached by a cable which was fastened to the cross-trees near the bows of the vessel. The crew had left the launch, which was tossed about considerably by the heavy sea, and eventually the cross-trees, together with the stem of the launch, were torn out of their place by a strain on the cable, brought about by a heavy lurch, and the boat quickly filled and sank. During the night several cargo boats, moored ashore near Butterfield and Swire's wharf, collided with each other and went to the bottom. A sampan near the Canton wharf suffered the same fate, and the gig belonging to the Laih Mui office, which was hanging upon its davits a little East of the Canton Wharf was run into by the Kiang Pak launch belonging to Hing Kee, and smashed to pieces. Other accidents are believed to have occurred, of which particulars are not yet known, but up to the present we have heard, fortunately, of no loss of life in connection with the gale.

Owing to the unpropitious weather, however, several events which had been planned for yesterday of necessity fell through. The Artillery Volunteers, who were to have proceeded to Stomsett's Island, to have gone through their season's big gun practice, were obliged to postpone the competition owing to the bad weather, although about thirty members of the corps bravely turned up at Pedder's Wharf at the time appointed, ready to face the wind and rain.

The cricket match which had been arranged between the Bankers and Brokers versus the Lawyers of the Colony also fell through from the same cause.

There were few cases of any interest before the Magistrate at the Police Court this morning and New Year's Day appeared to have passed more quietly than usual amongst the Chinese community. About midnight on the 3rd an attempt is said to have been made by a carpenter named Ho Aki to break into the house of an engineer named Wong Akwai, living at No. 18 Cheung Sau Lane. Wong Akwai was aroused from his slumbers, by hearing a noise and upon getting up, states that he saw the man Ho Aki engaged cutting through a bar across the window of his room. He went to the door and raised an alarm and Ho Aki was arrested while endeavouring to effect his escape. A knife and a box of matches were found upon the prisoner, who was charged this morning before Mr. Mitchell-Innes, whom the case was remanded till Tuesday next.

At Yau Ma-ti yesterday four men, three of whom were barbers, and one a doctor, entered the shop of Lo On Tuk, store-keeper and wanted to get supplied with a quantity of sampan, to enable them to enjoy the festive day, on credit. Not knowing his customers the storekeeper demanded cash down, whereupon the four roisterers went outside and started throwing stones into the shop, striking one of the shopmen on the head and doing considerable damage to goods. The police were called and the four men arrested and on being brought up this morning were fined \$5 each, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour, and were also ordered to find two suraus each of \$5 for their good behaviour for twelve months, or go to gaol for six months.

It is popularly supposed that the use of "O.K." for "all right" originated with an ignoramus who thought these letters were the initials of "all correct" which he spelt "or korrect"; but according to an American paper this is an error:—"It is a matter of history," says the *Palatine Southern Sun*, "that Gen. Andrew Jackson introduced the expression 'O.K.', to signify all right. This was before the war of 1812, when he was on his trading expeditions up and down the Mississippi river, and unto the Choctaw nation. The Indians used the word 'o-ke,' with heavy accent on the 'k,' to indicate that something was satisfactory." And Gen. Jackson "liked strong, brief forms of expression, adopted it, and from it passed to the multitude. It is not in common use as formerly, in ordinary conversation, but is used extenuately as an endorsement on bills sent to the cashier, at mercantile establishments."

*Men of the Time* gives the following information regarding the journalistic career of Mr. Lucy, recently appointed Editor of the London *Daily News*:—  
Lucy, Harry W., born at Crosby, near Liverpool, December 5th, 1848; was apprenticed to a Liverpool merchant; joined the staff of the *Shrewsbury Chronicle* as chief reporter in 1864; in 1869 went to Paris to attend lectures at the Sorbonne; in January 1870, returned to London to join the staff of the morning edition of the *Pall Mall Gazette*; and in October 1873, joined the *Daily News* as special correspondent, chief of the Gallery Staff and writer of the Parliamentary Summary. Mr. Lucy is the author of "A Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure"; and "Men and Manners in Parliament." He is a frequent contributor to London and American periodical literature. In 1882 his first Gideon Plays, was published. On the death of Mr. Tom Taylor, who, in succession to Mr. Shirley Brooks, had written "Essence of Parliament" for *Funch*. This had a new style, now familiar as "The Diary of Toby," M. P. Mr. Lucy was also induced to contribute to the *Observer* the series of articles which appear weekly during the Parliamentary session under the title "From the Cross Benches." As special correspondent of the *Daily News*, Mr. Lucy accompanied the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne on their first visit to Canada on the appointment of the Marquis to the Governor-Generalship. In 1878 his letters to the *Daily News*, describing the condition of the people in South Wales owing to the strike, resulted in the public subscription, which in the course of three weeks amounted to over £10,000 in cash, in addition to many gifts in kind. With a portion of the money the rector of Merthyr was enabled to feed daily for seventeen weeks 5,000 children. A couple of years ago Mr. Lucy paid a visit to Ceylon and India, delivering lectures at several places. Descriptions of his travels have appeared in various periodicals.

#### FOOTBALL.

The following XV will represent "The Rest" against the Garrison, without Medical Staff, in a game which has been arranged to take place on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 4.15, on the Race Course.

FULL BACK. Scudam. THREE-QUARTERS BACKS. Robertson. Pike (Captains). JACKSON. HALF-BACKS. Holworthy. JONES. FORWARD. Maylar. Thompson. Ord. LYNN. HUGHES. DUNNAN.

LODGE TENNYSON has written a poem, "Vastness," for the November number of *Macmillan's Magazine*, of which a London correspondent thus writes:—"It is a noble piece of work, but it will not orthodox religious speculations fresh upon the Laurence's theology. Many critics have professed to discover a Pantheistic tendency in the metaphysical phase of "In Memoriam," freethinkers find a sympathetic thrill in the poem, which will suggest a fellow feeling to the agnostic. If its direct attack on the blunt political agitators of the day could check them in their mad career it would render the State some service." As it is, many a man and woman will be the better for reading it, and true poetry is the richer for the latest contribution to the world's literature that man and words that breathe. No such scathing rebuke to arrogance was ever penned.

The Chairman, Mr. A. G. Wise, stated that at the last meeting of the Justices of the Peace, the question relating to the supervision of the quality of the spirits retailed by some of the public houses in the Colony had been put by Mr. Tripp. He had addressed a letter to the Government on the subject and had received a reply.

The following letters on the subject were then read out to the meeting by the Chairman:—  
To the Hon. The Acting Colonial Secretary. 5th Jan. 1886.  
I have the honour to report that at several meetings of the Justices of the

#### THE HONGKONG SUGAR REFINERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

On Saturday evening the second annual meeting of the operations of the Hongkong Sugar Refining Trade was held in the Hongkong Hotel, when between twenty and thirty members of the Trade, with a few friends, including representatives of the local papers, sat down to a plentiful and excellent dinner. The chair was taken by Mr. G. R. Stewart, Chief Clerk at the East Point Sugar Refinery, and under his genial presidency, full justice was done to a repast which in every way upheld the reputation of the establishment in which it was served and of its able and popular head, Mr. Gregory. Mr. Brown efficiently performed the duties of Croupier. Dinner over, an adjournment was made to allow the tables to be cleared. On the company reasoning, a lengthy, varied and agreeable programme of sentiment and song was begun by the Chairman, proposing, briefly but loyally, the health of the Queen and Royal Family. The toast received all the honours which are due, and was drunk with enthusiasm. Messrs. Blake, Duncan and Waddell then favoured the company with the trio "Hail to the Chief," which they sang with taste and effect. Signor Cattaneo playing the accompaniment. An enthusiastic encore was given the performers. A patriotic song "The British Lion," by Mr. Duncan, succeeded, and was also much applauded, and then the health of the Services was proposed by Mr. Harvie. The toast having been drunk, Mr. Arthur returned thanks, and some more music followed. Then came the toast of the evening, "The Sugar Refining Trade of Hongkong," by the Chairman. Mr. Stewart apologised for having a severe cold, and on this account his remarks were brief. After touching lightly on the prospects of the sugar trade, he said he thought it said much for the good feeling which existed among the employees of the rival companies that they were all met together in harmony as they were then. He contrasted the position of the employers with that of the operatives, and said that the latter could not but sympathise with their masters in the present depression. He hoped, however, for better times, and asked these present to drink "Prosperity to the Sugar Refining Trade of Hongkong," coupling with the toast the name of Mr. Waddell. The toast was drunk heartily. Mr. Waddell replied suitably. "The Press" was proposed by Mr. Rodger in flattery terms, and responded to by Mr. Fraser-Smith, who facetiously observed that to judge from recent legislation, the representatives of the press would soon be refused admittance to gatherings of this nature unless they left a card outside for their good behaviour. Mr. Ferguson proposed the health of "Absent Friends," and Mr. Johnston replied. Mr. Macdonald proposed the health of the Chairman, who, in returning thanks, hinted that this would be his last appearance at any similar gathering in Hongkong and expressed regret at the prospect of leaving so many kind friends. Among the other speakers were "The Ladies," "The Croupier," Mr. Strickland, the Secretary, "or whom Mr. Gresham," and "The Musicians." The interval between the toasts were very pleasantly filled up by songs, duets and a couple of soliloquies by Mr. R. Fraser-Smith. Mr. Waddell gave a very artistic rendering of "The Pilgrim of Love," and Mr. Blake sang "There was a Lad" and "The Midshipmite." Mr. Ferguson "Sailing, Sailing, My Cormish," "Tore, Boiling, Me West."

"Our Jack's Come Home to-day" and "O Willie" were sung with great effect. Mr. Rodger also favoured the company with ditties. Signor Cattaneo, besides playing a number of the accompaniments with grace and effect, delighted his hearers by playing selections from "Mascotte" and other operas. Altogether the gathering was an unqualified success, and the Committee and Trade are alike to be congratulated. This annual dinner has now fairly established, and will no doubt flourish so long as the sugar refining industry in

Hongkong holds for the purpose of considering applications for licences, the question has been raised as to what power of supervision there is over the quality of the spirits retailed at the various public houses in the Colony, and at the last meeting, I was requested to report to the Government the expressed opinion of the Justices present that the existing powers of supervision were inadequate and that it was a question calling for the interference of the legislature.

(Signed), ALEXANDER G. WISE,  
Police Magistrate.

The reply was as follows:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
22nd Jan. 1886.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary to  
the Police Magistrate.

With reference to your letter No. 4, of the 8th inst., on the subject of supervision over the quality of spirits retailed at the various public houses in the Colony I am directed by the officer administering the Government to inform you that the Captain Superintendent of Police reports that he does not think that there is any foundation for the supposition that "unwholesome and noxious spirits are supplied to sailors and others, as if out of the average of 250 drunken persons who are taken each month to the Police station there would have been many cases in which it would have been necessary to send the persons to Hospital, instead of which they quite fail to appear before a magistrate in the morning."

I am to add, however, that the 1<sup>st</sup> Police

have been instructed to get occasionally samples of the spirits, without giving previous warning which course His Excellency thinks will answer all purposes as far as the licensed houses are concerned.

(Signed) FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

#### MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The following is the full report of the discussion in the Legislative Council on the question as to whether it is necessary to dock wooden ships in order to survey them, and the Attorney General's explanation of the provisions of the new Religious Ceremonies and Festivals Ordinance:—

THE SURVEY OR COPPER-BOTTOMED SHIPS.

Hon. W. Kewick—Your Excellency, at the last meeting of Council the subject of the alteration that I maintained had occurred in the system of surveying wooden vessels since the 7th April, 1884, by requiring them to dock, was introduced by me, and I inquired if any explanation could be given. The explanation—the hon. the Attorney General gave was apparently satisfactory.

On looking further into the subject, however, I find that what was mentioned in my note at the last Council meeting was in accordance with fact, namely, that since the 7th April, 1884, the necessity for docking wooden vessels has been insisted upon by the Marine Surveyor, whereas previously it was not so necessary appeared to exist.

In 1879 Ordinance No. 8 was passed, and under that Ordinance the paddle wharves of the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company were not required to be docked for survey, with a view to obtaining certificates until the date I have mentioned. Since then the steamers have been docked for the mere purpose of inspection and not for repair, which is a hardship. At the last meeting, however, I think there is something to be said on the other side of the question. The provision is now, whatever it may have formerly been, in accordance with the requirements of the law.

The law is in the same terms as the Merchant Shipping Act under which surveys of this kind are conducted in England. The manner in which those surveys are to be carried out is prescribed by a great deal of care and attention.

Now with regard to the resolution, I think there is something to be said on the other side of the question. The provision is now, whatever it may have formerly been, in accordance with the requirements of the law.

The surveyor before granting a declaration of the discrepancy between his facts and ours will be found in that practice; but I have no doubt careful inquiries will be made on that point and to ascertain how matters precisely stand, and a report will be called for.

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There is something behind it, I am confident. What do they mean by it—what do they mean? They know these ships are well built as any ships in the harbour. They say they cannot be examined by divers. That is contrary to the opinion of every Naval officer in port with the exception of the gentleman who acts as Harbour Master, at present. How can he say when in the Navy

there is no way to employ divers I do not understand.

I don't believe he can ever have been in a ship that has been surveyed.

I have it on the highest naval authority that

these ships lying at anchor

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